GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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NATIONAL RIVER CONSERVATION PLAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and spent during the last three years and the current year under the National River Conservation Plan;

(b) whether Government has any plan to review the existing Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken for ensuring better co-ordination among different departments and the States working on the conservation programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Details of the Budget Allocation and Funds Released under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for the last three financial years and the current financial year are as follows :

Rs. in crore

Year	Allocation	Funds Released
2005-06	297.20	274.21
2006-07	275.92	275.92
2007-08	256.69	251.33
2008-09	249.00	155.37 (till Sept. 2008)

(b) & (c) The NRCP presently covers 164 towns located along identified polluted stretches of 35 rivers spread over 20 states. Review of the strategies of conservation and identification of additional towns and rivers under NRCP are continuous process aimed towards ameliorating the water quality in rivers. Preliminary meetings have been held for discussing the revamping of the National River Conservation Programme with concerned Ministries, independent experts in the field and Non Government Organizations (NGOs).

(d) The Steering Committee of National River Conservation Authority is having representations from the agencies/departments/ministries/ State Governments and serves the objective of proper coordination necessary for implementation of the programme. Close coordination with the State Governments is ensured through correspondence both at official and Minister-level as well as by frequent field visits of Central Government officers to expedite progress of works in the States.